

REMARKS

Claims 16-70 are pending. By this Amendment, the Abstract is amended as requested in the Quayle Action. In addition, claims 16-35, 37-54, 56-61 and 63-70 are amended to correct minor, typographical and grammatical informalities.

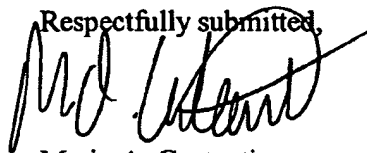
In particular, "Scanning" is changed to "A scanning" in claim 16, consistent with the other independent claims. The dependent claims are amended to insert the word "to" after "according" to improve their grammar. In addition, "of" is inserted after "each" in claim 29 to improve its grammar, and "a scan direction" is changed to "said scan direction" in claims 32, 44, 48, 49 and 60 so as to be consistent with previous claims.

The Quayle Action objected to the Abstract. Applicant submits that the above amendments overcome the objection raised in the Quayle Action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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